## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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PRODUCT NAME: CAUSTIC SODA SOLUTION 50%

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## 6. HEALTH HAZARD DATA:

EYE: May cause severe irritation with corneal injury and result in permanent impairment of vision, even blindness. Dusts may irritate eyes.

SKIN CONTACT: Short single exposure may cause severe skin burns.

SKIN ABSORPTION: A single prolonged skin exposure is not likely to result in absorption of harmful amounts. The dermal LD50 has not been determined.

INGESTION: May cause gastrointestinal irritation or ulceration and severe burns of the mouth and throat. Single dose oral LD50 has not been determined.

INHALATION: Dusts or mists may cause severe irritation to upper respiratory tract.

SYSTEMIC & OTHER EFFECTS: No relevant information found.

## 7. FIRST AID:

EYES: WATER is the only accepted method of removal of caustic soda (lye) from the eyes or skin. You may have 10 seconds or less to avoid serious permanent injury. Therefore, IMMEDIATE first aid must be given after any injurious exposure. Moving the victim from water access for transport to medical aid should be done only on the advice of qualified medical personnel. While transporting victim to a medical facility, continue washing if possible.

In case of eye contact, wash eyes immediately and continuously for 30 minutes. Call for medical assistance immediately.

SKIN: Immediate continued and thorough washing in flowing water for 30 minutes is imperative while removing contaminated clothing. Prompt medical consultation is essential. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Destroy contaminated shoes.

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